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Tears and Cheers for a repeat of Giant's Superbowl victory 4 years past



Few public events evoke such emotion as the annual Superbowl; on Aruba where the majority of island visitors hail from either New York or New England, one can expect a playoff between the Giants and the Patriots to be a raucous affair, and in the many venues that broadcast the game, the full gamut of emotions could be observed as the tense, close game ended with Giants pulling ahead by 4 points in the last few min-

utes of play.

"We were here 4 years ago to watch THAT debacle," stated hardcore Patriot fans Debra Avena and Bruce Rajewski of Connecticut, held out hope to the last 5 seconds of the game they always take in at Cleo's Sport Bar in the Alhambra Casino every year. "This year, we were hoping to have our revenge on N.Y., but no such luck."

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Beyond Cute: San Nicolas Grand Children's Parade



1 st place winner: Nos Futuro roadpiece ad car- February 5, a preview of the Founts

The pageantry of a grand carnival parade, with the stunning costumes, roadpieces and floats, is enhance deven more when you consider the additional cuteness factor: it is made up of cheerful, dancing children, gyrating like professionals. This made the San Nicolas Grand Children's Parade a delight to behold this past Sunday,

Oranjestad event coming on Sunday. Nos Futuro Group was also judged Most Creative and won the culture award for its tribute to the elements that make Aruba, well, Aruba. Their stunning roadpiece of Aruban landmarks won 1st place, and the 10th Anniversary of Don Flip took 2nd. Honey B Girls and the Little Groovers Soda

Fountain were declared "Most Luxurious" roadpieces by the judges.

Eight groups participated in the San Nicolas parade; TOB Carnival Group boasting the largest number and even more will participate this coming Sunday, so if you feel the need to overdose on adorable, don't miss it!

(See more photos on pg 2) By Rosalie Klein







More pictures of Children's Carnaval S.N.





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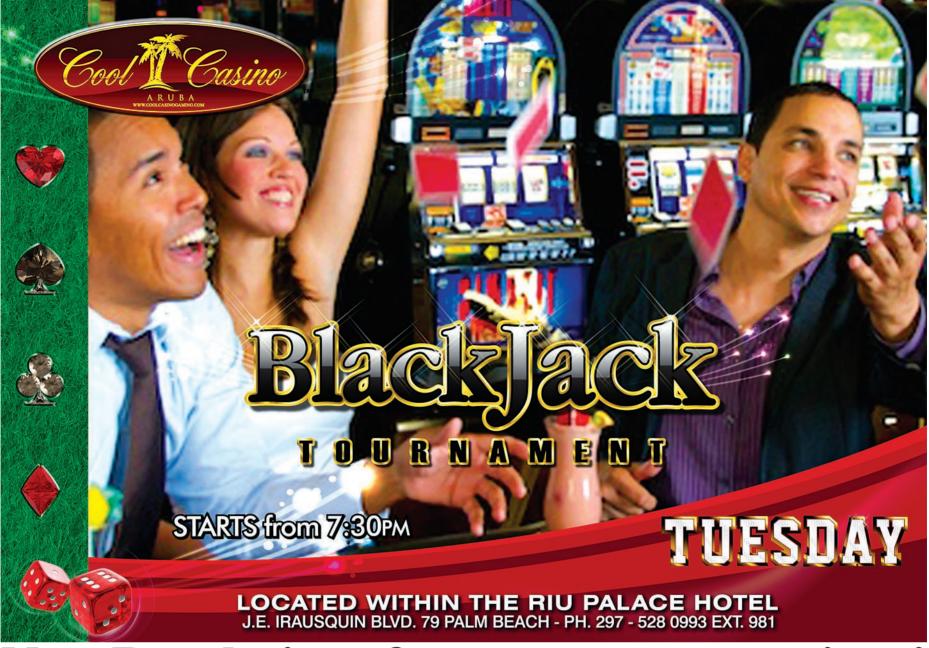












New Revelations from recent excavations!



Aruba's archeological team of the National Archeological Museum of Aruba, has uncovered a sixth grave in Santa Cruz. Based on certain characteristics, they have concluded that this must be a prehistoric grave yard. In the opinion of the team, what makes this discovery unique is not only that it was previously unknown, but that they were able to identify that there were several persons buried at different levels of importance buried at the site and buried in different ways. Also, that the persons buried have different European characteristics as well as Amerindian; but there were no Caquetios in this find

From what we know of the Historical Period of our island, it is probable that up to the 17th century Indians lived in the Santa Cruz area, thereafter they left the Santa Cruz area and went to live in the Seroe Cristal area in the 18th century in the Alto Vista neighborhood. Apparently they wanted to move away as far away as possible from the Europeans who lived in the Southwestern coast of Aruba. They deliberately chose strategic areas for their abode. During the 19th century when the economy of Aruba was in bad straits, the government stimulated agriculture and allowed people to return to live in Santa Cruz, which was previously not permitted.

As the team continues the excavation project they will investigate further for more clarity on the context and the exact time period. All indications point to an early Historic Period, but at the same time it could also have been a much later period. In any event we know that this find reveals that those who lived here were mixed between Europeans and Indians. This excavation may



also show that people probably lived in Santa Cruz much earlier than what is believed.

According to the team, this archeological excavation is very unique and requires a great deal of expertise and investigation to document the findings of each grave including the other findings in this fascinating archeological site. The team consists of Drs. Harold Kelly who is responsible for the planning and execution of the work at the site; Francisco Croes and Hiram Angela, who are the two assistants of the archeologist. All of the work is under the supervision of archeologist Drs. Raymond Dijkhoff.

Some of the skillful work being conducted is, among others, the pressure of the earth over the grave, the culture of the dead which consists of the type of burials, the depth and level of the grave, the position, orientation and posture of the skeleton, the sex, age and height of the buried person, as well as other characteristics. Every bone and bit of earth around the skeleton and general characteristics of the grave is registered, documented, described and analyzed to determine the final destination of those people forgotten in Aruba's history.

At Alhambra... Tears and Cheers for a repeat of Giant's Superbowl victory 4 years past



FOTH members, Casino Crew and winner Chuck McAuley



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Giant fans dissolved into hilarity when N.Y. Running Back Ahmed Bradshaw clinched the win by unintentionally plopping into the end zone on his derriere, scoring the touchdown in the last few minutes that brought the N.Y. score to 21. Patriots' fans insisted on believing that Brady would perform a miracle pass close to the end zone until that final fumbled pass, to no avail.

"We are the LOSERS" sung some New England fans to the famous hit by Queen, disgruntled at another loss, which they firmly believed was given away by some bad judgment by Brady and a few unforgivable fumbles.

Cleo's Sport Bar is a favorite spot to enjoy the Superbowl for a regular crowd of repeat guests as they are smack in the middle of timeshare territory where people

come annually to enjoy their Superbowl Chicken Wings and Beer special. They have a great set up with two giant projections and multiple plasma screens and Alhambra Casino also hosts the lottery boards of the Friends of the Handicapped, a foundation consisting of tourist volunteers who spend their winter in Aruba raising money for worthy causes. Squares sold for the Superbowl all go into the pot to help the less fortunate, and they have raised over 1.2 million dollars for island charities over the past 24 years. Volunteers David and Tana Ulmschneider, dedicated N.Y. fans, manned the boards and were pleased to announce along with the Cleo's crew and management that Coach Chuck McCauley was the a winner of \$500 for contributing to their fundraising efforts.

By Rosalie Klein





Julie Finstra had a lottery going from the office at home

South Beach Lounge provides a distinctly Aruban ambiance for Superbowl fans

"This is really great, really different than our usual Superbowl party," commented the Fenstras and Steuters of Minnesota, who were able to enjoy the open-air charm of a balmy terrace in front of Segafredo Coffee House, adjacent to the South Beach Lounge, to watch Super-

bowl XLVI on a giant plasma screen. "If we were back, home we would be freezing our XXXXX's off!" They and their new friend, Vijay, an instructor at one of Aruba's two medical schools, gave the venue thumb's up all around for a great set up, terrific ambiance, and an interesting menu that allowed them to savor both sushi and Middle-Eastern specialties, while sipping pina coladas



throughout the game.

Chuck di Perri, a displaced Patriots fan who has resided in Aruba for a number of years, was explaining the fine points of American football to his friend and colleague, JJ, an Englishman living on Aruba who admitted "I can't comprehend this game in the least, but everyone seems very excited about that last play."

The last play put the Gi-



ants only two points behind New England, with a very real shot at the championship, which they won in the last few minutes of the Superbowl XLVI. Chuck was surrounded by a sea of N.Y. fans, but he displayed his Patriots loyalty loudly and proudly.

The table next to him was filled with New York fans Jeff and Tim Madigan, originally from New Jersey but living far apart in Ohio and



North Carolina. Jeff and his wife Diane have a home on Aruba where they spend a good part of their winter, and so Superbowl Sunday was a bit of a family reunion as well. The also felt that South Beach Lounge in Palm Beach featured a great ambiance for this special event, and were very pleased to discover in addition to the regular menu, a special of the bucket of beer and basket of wings that most can't imagine watching the

game without.

"Our friends at home couldn't understand why we wanted to come to Aruba for Superbowl," commented the Steuters, who chose the island for guaranteed weather and a place to cele-

brate her 60th birthday, but the Fentras were enthusiastic companions. "This is our best choice yet for this week. We once caught the Superbowl during a vacation in the Dominican Republic, which was nice, but all the commentary was in Spanish! This was absolutely perfect; we have only been here for a day, and already we like everything about it, including this terrific place to enjoy the game."

By Rosalie Klein

Cas Animal Cont'd A Doggy Day at the Beach



Taryn is very taken with an Aruban Cunucu dog

It is always entertaining to watch a puppy react to a new experience, such as their first beach outing. Kiki Arndt, the founder of the Cas Animal Foundation, which rescues stray and abandoned dogs off Aruba's streets or from abusive homes, treated one of her newest candidates for adoptions, 7-week-old Roshen, to a day of being admired and petted by visited tourists on the invitation of veteran Playa Linda owner Ken Varga, a steadfast supporter of Cas Animal.

The adorable puppy won hearts and help for Kiki's cause, the completion of a proper, no-kill shelter on land she has been awarded by the government, so she can move the nearly 100 dogs she has in her home to a facility that will comfortably accommodate up to 200, with an onsite clinic.

This became Kiki's mission in life when she encountered her first starving, abandoned dogs upon moving to the island nearly 15 years ago, and she done her utmost to help control the problem and encourage the proper treatment of dogs and cats.

A key element in the success of her cause is getting as many dogs adopted into good homes as she can. Presently, she has not only little Roshen, but 18 young puppies in need of a loving home. Aruba's cunucu dogs are loving, intelligent and protective household members, for many here, a favorite early warning system of strangers in the neighborhood.

THE MORNING NEWS supports Kiki in her noble cause; those interested in adopting one of the puppies in her care, or one of many sweet, loyal, older dogs, can

call her at 565-2130 or 742-8732. You can also report an animal in need of assistance, as she maintains an Animal Ambulance to rescue them. Her expenses for feeding all the dgos she has taken in are astronomical, as well as her veterinary bills. You can also help by paying on her account at the Contreras Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, or to Animal Care Clinic, phone number 582-8382, as well as

directly to the bank account of Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. If you are not an island resident and wish to adopt a dog, Kiki will assist you in the process, as it is much easier to return to the U.S. with an Aruban dog than you might think, and any would be examined and certified by a qualified vet to pass quarantine standards.

By Rosalie Klein



Ken invited Kiki for a Doggy Day at the Beach



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

International News

Santorum hopes to 'reset' Republican race in Minnesota



WACONIA (AFP) - White House hopeful Rick Santorum on said a win in Minnesota -- where he is leading polls -- could "reset" the Republican race and vowed to push through to the party's August convention.

The social conservative scored an early win last month after a recount handed him 34-vote victory in first-in-the-nation Iowa.

But he failed to carry that momentum, placing at or near the bottom of the narrowing field in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Florida and Nevada.

Presumed frontrunner Mitt Romney appeared to have cemented his lead with resounding wins in Florida and Nevada last week, but Santorum told a crowd of supporters that an upset in Minnesota "can stop the streak."

A poll released Sunday showed Santorum ahead by

two points -- which is within the statistical margin of error.

Since Minnesota holds caucuses -- where voters can't just stop by to cast a ballot but must instead show up for a discussion today at 7:00 pm (0100 GMT) -- turnout will be key to winning this midwestern state.

Santorum, who earlier Sunday spoke at a church service in suburban Minneapolis and visited the rural Minnesota factory that makes his signature sweater vests, stayed more than an hour after his speech to greet and take photos with everyone at the winery.

Approached by AFP, he echoed rival Newt Gingrich's vow to fight to the end.

"Our intention is to win, so of course we're going to take it to the convention," the former US senator from Pennsylvania said in a brief interview.

The Republican establishment hopes the contest will be

over well before the August 27-31 convention in Tampa, Florida, avoiding a bitter battle that could hurt the eventual nominee's chances against Democratic President Barack Obama.

Gingrich -- who is trailing both Romney and Santorum in Minnesota, Colorado and Arizona and is in second place in Michigan and Maine after an impressive win in South Carolina -- said he expects to get back on top by the March 6 'Super Tuesday' contest in which 10 states are at stake.

But neither Gingrich not Santorum appear willing to drop out if they place poorly in what has historically been a deciding vote.

Santorum said he is hoping to be able to consolidate the support of the Republican party's social conservatives, many of whom are uneasy with Romney's more liberal record as governor of Massachusetts.

Santorum had the support of 29 percent of Minnesota Republicans while Romney won 27 percent in the Public Policy Polling survey released Sunday.

Gingrich was at 18 percent while congressman Ron Paul held 12 percent, the poll showed.

Minnesota is among three heartland states voting on today, along with Missouri and Colorado.

A separate PPP poll released Sunday showed Romney with 40 percent in Colorado to 26 percent for Santorum, 18 percent for Gingrich and 12 percent for Paul.

A PPP poll conducted a week ago found 45 percent of Missouri voters supported Santorum, while Romney won 34 percent and Paul won 13 percent.



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II walks past well-wishers holding Engilsh flags as she leaves following a visit to Dersingham Infant and Nursery School in Dersingham, Norfolk on February 6, 2012 to start celebrations for her diamond jubliee 60 years to the day since she ascended to the throne. Queen Elizabeth II renewed her vow to serve on February 6 as she made a deliberately low-key start to five months of diamond jubilee celebrations marking her 60 years on the throne. AFP PHOTO

US shutters Syria embassy, pulls out ambassador

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States closed its embassy in Syria and pulled out all its staff on Monday, but President Barack Obama shied away from talk of military intervention and vowed to pursue diplomatic means.

The closure came amid deteriorating security as President Bashar al-Assad's government intensified its bloody crackdown, raining rockets and shells on protest hubs in a fresh onslaught that killed at least 66 civilians.

Britain and Belgium recalled their envoys as Western powers sought new ways to punish Damascus amid growing outrage after Russia and China on Saturday vetoed a UN resolution condemning Syria for its 11-month crackdown on dissent.

Obama said a negotiated solution with Syria was still possible and defended his administration's handling of the crisis, saying the US had been "relentless" in demanding that Assad leave power.

His administration hit out angrily at Moscow and Beijing

for blocking a UN Security Council resolution condemning Syria for a crackdown that has claimed the lives of more than 6,000 people, according to rights groups.

White House spokesman Jay Carney followed up on Monday by warning Syria's allies that backing Assad was a "losing bet" because the Syrian leader's hold on power was "very limited at best."

Senior State Department officials told CNN that two embassy employees left by air last week and 15 others, including Ford, departed overland via Jordan on Monday morning.

The Polish government was to provide emergency consular services to any American citizens remaining in Syria, but the State Department stressed that Ford remained the ambassador.

He "will maintain contacts with the Syrian opposition and continue our efforts to support the peaceful political transition which the Syrian people have so bravely sought," a statement said.







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International News

Floods add to Europe's cold to claim more lives



People walk with their umbrellas during a snowfall in Burgos, Spain on February 5.2012.

SOFIA (AFP) - The toll from Europe's winter weather pushed past 360 Monday when snow- and rain-swollen rivers burst a Bulgarian dam and killed at least eight, while more homeless people perished on frigid city streets.

Four elderly people drowned in their homes in the southeastern Bulgarian village of Biser after a nearby dam wall broke, submerging the whole village under 2.5 metres (eight feet) of icy water, the interior ministry said.

Another four people died when their cars were swept from bridges into raging rivers in the same region.

Two other dams were brimming with water and heavy rains triggered a landslide that derailed a train near the Turkish border. No injuries were reported.

Temperatures touched new lows in parts of Europe, including Switzerland which reported the mercury dipping to minus 35.1 Celsius (minus 31 Fahrenheit) overnight in the eastern Graubuenden canton and the Czech Republic,

where the town of Kvilda recorded a winter low of minus 39.4 Celsius (minus 38.92 Fahrenheit).

As has been the case throughout the 10-day-old cold snap, transients have borne the brunt of the suffering, with frozen victims found in abandoned and unheated homes, fire escapes or makeshift shelters on Europe's streets.

In a bid to save lives, Poland's homeless shelters have dropped a ban on drunken individuals.

Monika Golebiewska, a Warsaw police officer whose beat is a daily patrol bringing food and clothing to the homeless, said she had been unrelentingly busy.

Across the continent, authorities have reported at least 368 weather-related deaths.

In Lithuania, where the temperature has dipped to minus 31 Celsius (minus 24 Fahrenheit), the deaths of 12 more people over the weekend brought the toll to 23.

Schools were closed until tomorrow in Rome, as author-

ities battled to clean up the city after a rare snow storm. Other Italian regions including Tuscany and Umbria were bracing for fresh snow in coming days.

Crews were also struggling to restore power to about 60,000 homes across the country, especially in the Tuscan cities of Siena and Arezzo.

Energy giant ENI began reducing gas supplies to industrial clients and switching from gas-fired to oil-fired power stations following a plunge in gas imports from Russia.

In France, electricity consumption hit a record amid the cold.

In Bosnia, residents of dozens of hamlets were trapped by continued heavy snowfall, mostly in the eastern region around Srebrenica and Sokolac.

"The snow has reached over 1.5 metres (4.9 feet), it is still snowing and we have already been blocked for over a month," said Dzevad Muminovic, who lives in the tiny village of Krusev Do.

He added food was running out and about 40 people were trapped.

The bitter cold has even crossed the Mediterranean into north Africa, where as many as 19 people were killed on Algeria's snow-slicked roads or in other weather-related accidents.

Rare snow also fell in southern Tunisia for the first time in some 40 years, media reported.

People in the Netherlands, however, were sharpening their skates in the hope that a legendary long-distance race on frozen canals may be held for the first time in 15 years, though organisers cautioned the ice was still too thin.

Philippines searches swamps for kidnapped Europeans

ZAMBOANGA (AFP) - Philippine troops were scouring mangroves on remote southern islands Monday as the search for two kidnapped Europeans intensified, security officials said.

rity officials said.

Hundreds of naval troops and Marines have been deployed to search for Swiss Lorenzo Vinciguerra, 47, and Dutchman Ewold Horn, 52, in the remote Tawi Tawi archipelago, said Colonel Jose Johriel Cenabre.

The pair were snatched by un unknown group of gunmen on Wednesday while on an expedition to photograph rare hornbills in the wild, but government forces have since found no sign of the pair

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"Our search efforts have intensified. There is no reason for us to believe that they have slipped past the naval blockade (around Tawi Tawi)," said Cenabre, deputy commander of the local Navy

The authorities have not been able to pinpoint who carried out the abduction and where the captives are being held. There are vast seas around Tawi Tawi, which consists of more than 300 small islands bordering Malaysia.

"We do not know who they are what their demands are," provincial police chief Senior Superintendent Rodelio Jocson told AFP.

"The group has not contacted us and we are still searching in the area.

The southern Philippines has long been plagued by groups of outlaws who kidnap people to hold for huge ransoms.

The most feared of these is the Al-Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf which has been tied to the worst terror attacks in Philippine history.

In previous cases, armed gangs have turned their captives over to Abu Sayyaf, who have been known to behead their captives.

But Abu Sayyaf is not widely active in Tawi Tawi, raising hopes that the hostages may still be in the hands of ordinary criminals.

Abu Sayyaf, founded with

Abu Sayyaf, founded with seed money from Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden in the 1990s, are based largely in the islands of Jolo and Basilan to the northeast of Tawi Tawi

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US troops have been based in the southern Philippines for a decade to help train local troops in hunting down members of the group.

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Victims sceptical as Vatican hosts anti-abuse summit

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Victims of abuse by clergymen voiced scepticism on Monday as Catholic Church leaders from around the world held an unprecedented Vatican summit aimed at preventing paedophilia in the Church.

Bishops from 100 countries and the leaders of 33 religious orders took part in the four-day meeting, as well as the Vatican's top anti-abuse prosecutor Charles Scicluna and just one abuse victim, Ireland's Marie Collins.

Pope Benedict XVI is expected to issue a special blessing for the closed-door conference, which will also launch a child protection centre in Germany to fight sex abuse by the clergy in the Church worldwide.

The symposium, entitled "Towards Healing and Renewal", will also include a church service on Tuesday in which representatives of seven religious orders which had paedophile clergy in their midst will plead for forgive-

Victims' groups said they were not invited and slammed it as a PR stunt.

"You don't need a jolly in Rome to learn what the right thing to do is," said Sue Cox from Survivors Voice, a coalition of victim support groups covering Britain, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and the United States.

"This is just a PR stunt. It's just theatre really. It's no use," Cox, herself a victim of abuse by a priest who says she still gets panic attacks from the smell of "whisky, incense and stale sweat", told AFP.

Roberto Mirabile, head of the Italian victims support group La Caramella Buona, said: "You can have all the symposiums you want but why don't you open a constructive debate. The Church is too closed in on itself."

But Collins said the conference appeared to be "a step in the right direction" and said she had decided to take part despite initial hesitation because she believed the initiative could help prevent future abuse

Collins, who was raped by a priest in a hospital in Dublin when she was a little girl, criticised the Vatican however for failing to take responsibility for the systematic cover-up of abusers stretching back decades.

The meeting starts with a keynote speech by Cardinal William Levada, the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the top enforcement body of the Catholic Church which has led efforts

against abuse.

The Vatican has requested that all the national bishops' conferences of the world must submit by May a set of comprehensive guidelines on how to combat paedophilia, stressing that abuse is not only a problem for Western churches.

Officials say some countries are having trouble formulating these rules because of "cultural differences" over what exactly constitutes child abuse as well as major differences between local laws in different countries.

Victim support groups say the measures lack any real enforcement powers.

Father Hans Zollner, a Jesuit priest and psychotherapist who heads up the new Centre for Child Protection, said on Vatican Radio on Monday ahead of the start of the conference: "The best measure is to listen to the suffering."

The Church has been rocked in recent years by thousands of paedophilia scandals, some of them dating back decades. They began to go public in Ireland and the United States but have since been reported across much of Europe.

Conference participants however warned that many abuses have remained hidden in parts of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

US girl, 9, gets sixorgan transplant

NEW YORK (AFP) - A nineyear-old girl is making what doctors described as a remarkable recovery Sunday, days after surgeons transplanted six of her organs in a groundbreaking medical procedure.

The surgery performed last Tuesday on young Alannah Shevenell, sought to remove an aggressive cancerous growth festering since 2008, and that had attacked her stomach, liver, pancreas, esophagus, small intestine and spleen.

The surgery was performed in Boston, Massachusetts at Children's Hospital, one of this nation's most highly regarded medical facilities.

"For just under 100 days Alannah and her grandmother have been staying at Children's while she received treatment for a rare and aggressive cancer that was compromising several of her internal organs," the hospital said in a statement.

"When all other treatments had failed, Heung Bae Kim, MD, director of Children's Pediatric Transplant Center suggested a multivisceral transplant that would remove Alannah's tumor and replace the six organs that had been damaged by its presence.

The nine-year old, who hails from the northeastern state of Maine, was the lucky recipient of organs from a recently deceased child of the same size and blood type, and which were able to be transplanted at the same time.

Kim told the Boston Globe newspaper that they anticipate that Alannah will make a complete recovery.

"She will not have real restrictions in terms of activity," he told the Globe.

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Google, Facebook remove content in India

-(AFP) Online giants Google and Facebook said Monday they had removed allegedly offensive content on their Indian sites as part of a court case seen as a test for Internet control and censorship.

They have been named alongside another 19 Internet firms in private criminal and civil cases being heard in a New Delhi court which will determine whether they can be held responsible for obscene material generated online by users.

In submissions to court Google and Facebook said they had removed the content submitted as part of evidence against them, which is believed to involve obscene images of religious figures and senior Indian politicians.

"This step is in accordance with Google's policy of responding to court orders," Paroma Roy Chowdhury, Google's spokeswoman in India, told AFP.

The groups, including Yahoo! and Microsoft, have appealed to the Delhi High Court asking for the case to be quashed on the basis that they cannot be held responsible for the actions of users of their platforms.

A judge hearing the case in the High Court warned last month that unless the groups cooperated and take steps to eliminate "offensive and objectionable" content they could be blocked "like in China".

Communications Minister Kapil Sibal in December pledged a crackdown on "unacceptable" online content, saying Internet service providers had ignored India's demands to screen images and data before they were uploaded.

Sibal's demands -- reportedly that social networks prescreen billions of photos, comments and videos posted online -- provoked anger and derision among Indian Internet users.

Experts argued that such demands could not be enforced and smacked of state censorship.

Sci-Tech

Russian scientists reach isolated subglacial lake

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russian researchers said Monday that they had succeeded in drilling through four kilometres (2.5 miles) of ice to the surface of a subglacial Antarctic lake which could yield important scientific discoveries.

Lake Vostok is the largest subglacial lake in Antarctica and scientists want to study its eco-system which has been isolated for hundreds of thousands of years under the ice in the hope of finding previously unknown microbiological life forms.

"Our scientists completed drilling at a depth of 3,768 metres and reached the surface of the subglacial lake," an unnamed source told Russian news agency RIA Novosti.

Sergei Lesenkov, spokesman for the Arctic and Antarctic Scientific Research Institute, told AFP that there was the possibility of a "fundamental scientific development".

Lesenkov said that analysis of the composition of gas bubbles discovered in the ice above the lake could help climate change research.

"Because the lower layer was formed 400,000 years ago, from the composition of the gas it is possible to judge the gas composition in the atmosphere 400,000 years ago and during the time that has passed since the formation of the lake," he said.

"From there, it is possible to identify and forecast certain climatic changes in the future. This is very important."

Scientific research drilling in the area started in 1989 and the lake's existence was confirmed in 1996. But efforts to reach its surface were suspended two years later amid fears that the process could contaminate the waters.

After developing new techniques in an attempt to ease environmental concerns, attempts to drill down through the deep ice sheet to the lake's surface resumed.

The Russian researchers intend to start drilling again and obtain water samples from the lake for analysis in December after a ten-month break due to harsh weather conditions.

Namibia sponge fossils are world's first animals: study

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Scientists digging in a Namibian national park have uncovered sponge-like fossils they say are the first animals, a discovery that would push the emergence of animal life back millions of years.

The tiny vase-shaped creatures' fossils were found in Namibia's Etosha National Park and other sites around the country in rocks between 760 and 550 million years old, a 10-member team of international researchers said in a paper published in the South African Journal of Science.

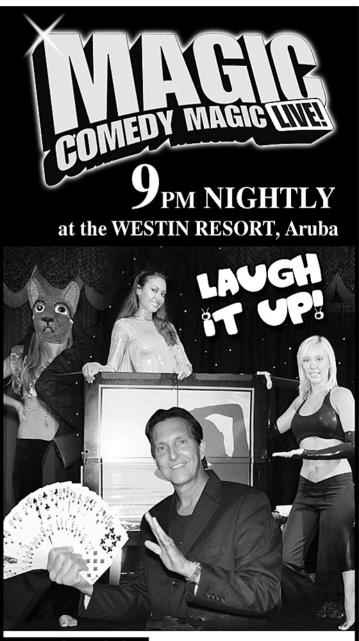
That means animals, previously thought to have emerged 600 million to 650 million years ago, actually appeared 100 million to 150 million years before that, the authors said.

It also means the hollow globs -- about the size of a dust speck and covered in holes that allowed fluid to pass in and out of their bodies -- were our ancestors, said coauthor Tony Prave, a geologist at the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

"If one looks at the family tree and projects this backward to where you have what's called the stem group, the ancestor of all animals, then yes, this would be our great-gre

Prave said fossil evidence that animals emerged as long as 760 million years ago fit together neatly with what geneticists had hypothesised by looking at "molecular clocks", a means of gauging a species' age by looking at the percentage difference between its DNA and that of another species.

"The aspect of this that's rather satisfying, at least intellectually, is that it is in broad agreement with what geneticists would tell us based on looking at molecular clocks when we should see the first advent of large multi-cellular life forms," he said.



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Finance

World's youth fear jobless future



UNITED NATIONS, (AFP) - The world's young increasingly fear a future without jobs, according to a UN report released Monday which highlighted how the 15-30 age group risks becoming the biggest victims of austerity programs.

"Young people questioned the quality of education they and their peers receive, whether or not it is relevant to available jobs, how their knowledge and skills will serve them in the long-term," said the survey.

"During economic downturns, young people are often the 'last in' and the 'first out'" out of jobs, the report added.

The 2008-2009 financial and economic crises forced the youth unemployment rate up to 11.9 in 2007 to 13 percent in 2009. It eased back to 12.6 percent in 2010 -- when the adult jobless rate was just 4.8 percent.

The Middle East is worst hit with 25.5 percent unemployment among young men and 39.4 percent for young women in 2010, followed by North Africa with a 23.8 percent rate for men and 34.1 percent for women.

The report said high unem-

ployment was one of they key causes of the Arab Spring uprisings.

Young people said they found their educational too theoretical and not geared enough to professional life.

"Today it should be easier to find a job because our generation is the most educated but there is a inadequacy between the training offered and the needs of the labor market," said Amadou, a 24-year-old

The UN report condemns the restrictive contracts with poor salaries given to first time job seekers.

"Young women are doubly affected as they face not only a lack of opportunities but poor quality of work" with low wages, a lack of security and fewer ways to raise grievances, said Lody, a 25-year-old Cambodian.

The youth criticized a lack of public investment but believe that information technology, health and welfare jobs and the green economy will be boom areas.

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US wind firm presses theft charge against China rival

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US wind energy company AMSC said Monday it had filed three civil lawsuits in Chinese courts against rival Sinovel Wind Group Co., which it accused of stealing industrial secrets

"AMSC is seeking to recover more than \$1.2 billion for contracted shipments and damages from Sinovel in these cases, which stem from Sinovel's contractual breaches in March 2011 and AMSC's discovery of intellectual property theft by Sinovel employees in June 2011," the company said in a statement.

The two firms have been in legal wrangling since last year when the US group accused its Chinese partner of intellectual property theft.

AMSC has accused Sinovel of breaching its contract in March 2011 by refusing to accept delivery of equipment or to pay for items previously delivered.

After a former AMSC subsidiary employee was arrested in Austria on charges of economic espionage and fraudulent manipulation of data, the US firm said the person "improperly obtained and transferred to Sinovel portions of our wind turbine control soft-

ware source code."

AMSC said it believed the former employee illegally used source code to develop for Sinovel a software modification to circumvent the encryption and remove technical protection measures for the technology.

The US company said that because Chinese equipment is being used in wind turbines containing its wind turbine control software, "we believe that our copyrighted software is being infringed."

AMSC reported a sharp drop in revenues for its second quarter of fiscal 2011 "due primarily to a lack of revenue from AMSC's former customer, Sinovel Wind Group Co."

Beijing last year stopped offering subsidies to the country's wind power sector six months after the United States lodged a complaint with the World Trade Organization claiming this was an unfair trade practice.

The United States had accused China of providing several hundred million dollars in illegal grants since 2008 to wind turbine makers for using Chinese components. Beijing had insisted its policies complied with WTO rules.

EU ramps up pressure on Greece as timetable slips

ATHENS (AFP) - Embattled Greek Prime Minister Lucas Papademos faced growing EU pressure Monday to quickly agree tough austerity measures in a new bailout but talks with his coalition partners on the deal were delayed.

As unions called a general strike today, the stakes mounted after Germany and France demanded progress.

Around 5,000 people took part in yesterday's evening protests called by the unions and left-wing parties against the austerity measures as Athens was hit by a torrential thunderstorm and strong winds.

The coalition talks, needed to secure approval of stinging austerity measures, "will very probably be held on Tuesday," a government source told AFP, adding: "The negotiations continue, there are still questions to address."

The talks are aimed at wrapping up weeks of negotiations and save his country from a historic default in March that could roil the 17-nation eurozone and undercut a global economic recovery.

A new eurozone package worth 130 billion euros (\$170 billion) in aid to Greece, pending since October, hangs in the balance.

In Paris, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy ramped up pressure on Athens, as did the spokesman for a European commissioner in Brussel

Merkel warned that Greece would receive no more EU aid to cope with the debt crisis until Athens reached a deal with the EU, ECB and IMF 'troika' on more spending cuts and reforms.

The two leaders also floated the idea of placing part of Greece's future bailout loan funds in a special account to make sure it is channelled to service the country's enormous debt, currently exceeding 350 billion euros, and not for other uses

A spokesman for EU commissioner Olli Rehn warned that Greece had already in effect missed the deadline to get the deal done by the coalition to reshape the economy and slash its debt in exchange for another bailout.

But an EU diplomatic source suggested all was not lost.

Greece must pay 14.5 billion euros in bonds due March 20 to avoid default.

Athens and its private creditors are under intense pressure from the 'troika' to cut the country's total debt burden down to what is seen as a sustainable level of 120 percent of GDP in 2020 from 160 percent at present.

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Ignacio Peterson better known as Smiley, Iggy or Nacio was honored as the Employee of the Year 2011 for his outstanding performance and contribution to the Pega-Pega Bar. First runner-up employee of the Year 2011 was Ana Maria Paniagua, room attendant, for her contribution and discipline dedicated to the cleanliness of the rooms; and Roy Jones was honored as the 2nd Runner Up of the Employee of the Year 2011 for his great service and friendly attitude towards everyone at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa.

"Manchebo is blessed to have so many staff members who are dedicated and committed to their work for our guests," said Edgar Roelofs, General Manager. Ignacio





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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

ond chance to make a first too impression," comments



The Farmer Burger with the Best Onion Rings

Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to



"You never get a sec- Rosie and Aaron love their Burger

be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vine-gar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batterdipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospi tality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

SPORTS

Cycling: Contador suspended, stripped of Tour de France win



LAUSANNE (AFP) - Spanish cyclist Alberto Contador on Monday received a two-year ban for doping during the 2010 Tour de France and was stripped of his victory in the race.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) said Contador's suspension runs through to August 6, 2012, which means that the Spaniard loses his 2010 Tour victory and will be unable to take part in this year's race.

Contador tested positive for the banned anabolic agent clenbuterol, but he was subsequently cleared by the Spanish Cycling Federation (RFEC) in February 2011, prompting the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the International Cycling Union (UCI) to appeal the decision to CAS.

The 29-year-old Spaniard claimed he had ingested the banned substance by eating a contaminated steak, an explanation which satisfied the RFEC but which failed to pass muster with the UCI and WADA.

CAS added that the "presence of clenbuterol was more

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likely caused by the ingestion of a contaminated food supplement" than by contaminated meat.

Apart from losing his 2010 Tour de France title, the verdict means that Contador is stripped of all his wins in 2011, which include the Giro d'Italia.

It also comes as a further body blow to the sport of cycling which has been wracked by doping offences over the last 15 years - particularly involving the Tour de France, the toughest and most prestigious race in the world.

Contador has 30 days to lodge an appeal with the Swiss Federal Court. There was no immediate reaction from the cyclist.

The UCI said that though it derived no satisfaction from the verdict, it "welcomed the news as the end of a long-running affair that has been extremely painful for cycling".

"This is a sad day for our sport. Some may think of it as

a victory, but that is not at all the case," said UCI President Pat McQuaid.

"There are no winners when it comes to the issue of doping - every case, irrespective of its characteristics, is always a case too many."

Contador's win in 2010 was his third in the Tour de France and under UCI rules his suspension means he would forfeit the victory to Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, who finished as runner-up.

Belgian cycling legend Eddy Merckx said he was "shocked and disgusted" by the CAS ruling.

"Once again it's cycling that pays the price," Merckx told AFP. "It's an excessive punishment. It's bad for everybody, for the reputation of cycling, for sponsors.

"It's as if someone wants to kill cycling. They took two years to make this ruling. It's that that is not good."

Merckx added: "I'm neither an expert nor doctor. But I'm really waiting for the explanations of these experts. It's only in cycling that we seek to detect the tiniest quantities.

"If there'd been clear proof to prove Contador had doped, he would have been immediately suspended. We wouldn't have waited for two years," said the five-time Tour de France winner, adding that Contador's defence strategy "had not been good".



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NBA: Love suspended for stamping on Scola

NEW YORK (AFP) - Minnesota forward Kevin Love was suspended two games without pay by the NBA on Monday for stamping on Luis Scola as the Houston player lay on the court during a game on Saturday.

In making the announcement NBA executive vice president Stu Jackson said the incident had been upgraded by the league office to a flagrant foul two.

The incident occurred with 8:34 to play in the third quarter of Minnesota's 100-91 victory over Houston in Minneapolis.

Scola hit the floor after a drive toward the basket and Love stepped on Scola's head and chest with his left foot as he moved down the court.

At the other end, the Rockets bench was called for a technical, and the contest be-

came increasingly physical from there.

On Saturday, Timberwolves coach Rick Adelman said he was pleased his players didn't back down from a physical challenge.

"You have to be mentally tough to play through anything," Adelman said.

Love said via Twitter on Monday, however, that he had gone too far.

"I want to publicly apologize to Luis Scola and the Houston Rockets," he said in a series of posts.

"My intention is to never hurt another player on the basketball court. ... I've always had the utmost respect for the game of basketball and all of my opponents."

Love will serve his suspension today when Minnesota host Sacramento and Wednesday when they visit Memphis.

Football: 13 of 16 Euro 2012 teams pick Poland over Ukraine

WARSAW (AFP) - An overwhelming 13 of the 16 teams qualified for Euro 2012 have opted for base-camps in Poland, tournament organisers said Monday, leaving fellowhost Ukraine virtually out in the cold.

Despite the fact that eight teams will play their groupstage matches in each host country, only three will set up shop in Ukraine -- the Ukrainians themselves, plus France and Sweden.

In contrast, Germany have picked the northern Polish city of Gdansk as their base-camp, even though that means shuttling back and forth to the Ukrainian cities of Lviv and Kharkiv, which lie a respective 750 kilometres and 1,600 kilometres away.

Holland, who will play their games in the same loca-

tions, have meanwhile picked Krakow in southern Poland for their camp.

The choice of Krakow has been echoed by England, who will be playing in the Ukrainian capital Kiev, 870 kilometres away, and the eastern city of Donetsk, almost 1,600 kilometres from their camp.

The other teams playing in Ukraine but based in Poland are Denmark and Portugal.

Those both playing and staying in Poland are the Poles, plus Croatia, the Czech Republic, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Russia, and reining champions Spain.

Euro 2012 is the first-ever edition of the quadrennial championships behind the former Iron Curtain, in a region where infrastructure challenges outweigh anything in previous Western European

host nations.

The issue of accommodation for teams, officials and fans alike has been a hot topic, with Ukraine in the spotlight due concerns over skyrocketing prices and a scarcity of rooms for supporters.

While scooping the lion's share of training camps is a clear thumbs up for Poland, organisers here have been anx-

ious not to play up the subject at the expense of their Ukrainian neighbours.

European football's governing body UEFA has also sought to minimise the issue, previously underlining that while it presented a list of accredited potential base-camp locations in both countries, teams were free to go where they liked.



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Giants edge Patriots for Super Bowl continued from page 16



Derrick Martin #22 and the New York Giants celebrate in front of Tom Brady #12 of the New England Patriots after defeating the New England Patriots

Three plays later, Bradshaw ran untouched into the end zone for a touchdown that gave the Giants a 21-17 lead.

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> A two-point conversion run failed, leaving 57 seconds for the Patriots to try and score a touchdown to win the game.

> New England's only chance was to surrender the touchdown because otherwise the Giants could have been able to run the clock almost to zero and have a chance at a short

field goal to win the game.

The Patriots got their opportunity, but the Giants were not to be denied.

"At half-time I said we can play better than this. They agreed," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "We came out energized in the second half and the rest is history."

Brady threw a four-yard touchdown pass to Danny Woodhead with eight seconds to play in the second quarter to

give the Patriots a 10-9 halftime lead, the score capping a 96-yard drive.

The Patriots began the second half with another touchdown march, this one of 79 yards and finished off by Brady's 12-yard touchdown pass over the middle to Aaron Hernandez to put New England ahead 17-9 only 3:40 into

the third quarter.

New York answered on field goals of 38 and 33 yards by Lawrence Tynes to pull within 17-15 entering the fourth quarter.

Brady was intercepted on the second play of the fourth quarter by New York's Chase Blackburn, but New England's defense forced the Giants to punt, setting the stage for the dramatic finish.

Two Patriots penalties in the shadow of their own end zone helped the Giants seize a nine-point lead after only 11:36 had elapsed.

New York opened the scoring 6:08 into the game when Brady was whistled for an intentional grounding penalty while standing in the end zone on New England's first offensive play, the rare defensive score giving the Giants a 2-0

On the ensuing New York possessions, New England's Sterling Moore forced a fumble from Giants receiver Victor Cruz and the Patriots recovered, but the play was wiped out by a penalty, New England having had too many men on the field.

Two plays later, Eli Manning flipped a two-yard touchdown pass to Cruz and the Giants led 9-0.

New England also had to settle for a 29-yard Stephen Gostkowski field goal to pull within 9-3 just 72 seconds into the second quarter after Jason Pierre-Paul batted down a Brady pass to shut down a 60yard drive.



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Giants edge Patriots for Super Bowl title



Ahmad Bradshaw (L) of the New York Giants scores the game-winning touchown late in the fourth quarter against the New England Patriots during Super Bowl XLVI

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) -Ahmad Bradshaw ran six yards for the deciding touchdown with 57 seconds remaining on Sunday to give the New York Giants a 21-17 victory over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl 46.

It was the fourth Super Bowl triumph for the Giants, who also defeated the Patriots in the 2008 NFL championship spectacle and captured the crown in 1987 and 1991.

Before a crowd of 68,658 spectators at the dome-en-

closed stadium where his older brother Peyton stars for the Indianapolis Colts, New York's Eli Manning guided the Giants on an 88-yard touchdown drive in the closing minutes capped by Bradshaw's scoring run.

"It just feels god to win a Super Bowl no matter where you are or what stadium it is," Manning said.

Manning was named the game's Most Valuable Player after completing 30-of-40 passes for 296 yards and a touchdown.



New England took over needing a touchdown in the dying seconds but Tom Brady, who had already set records in the game for consecutive completions and completions in a row at the start of as Super Bowl, could not pull off a miracle.

Brady made two late throws to the end zone from midfield, the last on the game's final play, but New

York defenders made certain they would not be denied a fairy-tale finish after starting the season 7-7 and winning six games in a row for the title when one defeat would have doomed their unlikely title

Clinging to a 17-15 lead, the Patriots were shut down near midfield and forced to punt, the Giants taking the ball at their own 12-yard line with

3:46 to play.

Manning completed a 38yard pass to Mario Manningham that was confirmed on a video replay challenge to put New York at midfield, hit Manningham again for another 16 yards and Hakeem Nicks for 14 more to reach New England's 18-yard line with 2:00 remaining.

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